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## **PATENT**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Molnar et al. Serial No.: 09/699,920 Filed: October 30, 2000 Group Art Unit: 2631 Examiner: Chi H. Pham Confirmation No.: 8240

For: AUTOMATIC FREQUENCY CO FOR JOINT DEMODULATION

AUTOMATIC FREQUENCY CONTROL SYSTEMS AND METHODS

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment before examining the present application. Applicant is filing the present Preliminary Amendment pursuant to the Revised Amendment Format instituted by the prototype Electronic File Wrapper program described in 1265 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 87 (December 17, 2002) and that has been expanded to include all Technology Centers and amendments to the specification and drawings. Thus, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for the present Preliminary Amendment.